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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XF, UNGA

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AT THE UN

REF: STATE 163147

1. DURING COURSE GENERAL DISCUSSION MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ROUILLON, EMBOFF NOTED USG CONCERNS ABOUT UNGA DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST (PARA 10 REFTEL).

2. ROUILLON REPLIED THAT THERE WAS STILL SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE DEBATE AT ALL. FRENCH HAD BEEN TOLD BY WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN CAIRO THAT CURRENT GOE THINKING WAS THAT DEBATE NOT NECESSARY IN VIEW RECENTLY CONCLUDED FULL SCALE REVIEW OF ISSUES IN SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH HAD DEMONSTRATED WIDE SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN POSITION. ROUILLON SAID GOF BELIEVED THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS EGYPTIANS WOULD OPT FOR UNGA DEBATE, IN PART TO GET REAFFIRMATION OF UNSC RESULT AND ALSO OF ANY POSITIVE

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RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

IN ADDITION, ARABS WOULD PROBABLY ALSO SEEK TO DISCUSS ISSUE IN LIGHT OF ANTICIPATED STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC PLANKS IN ELECTORAL PLATFORMS OF VARIOUS ISRAELI POLITICAL PARTIES. FRENCH WOULD NOT OPPOSE DEBATE, BUT EQUALY DID NOT INTEND TO ENCOURAGE ARABS. SINCE GOF WAS NOT A "DEMANDUR", IT WOULD TAKE RELATIVELY PASSIVE ATTITUDE TO QUESTION OF DEBATE.

3. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF THIS DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST IN UN CONTEXT TO NOTE CONSTRUCTIVE FRENCH EFFORTS DURING RECENT SC DEBATE ON LEBANESE COMPLAINT (USUN 2886). ROUILLOON MODESTLY MINIMIZED FRENCH ROLE, BUT SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT USG HAD FOUND FRENCH HELPFUL.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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